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Applicant(s) : Gentaro OKAYASU et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/581,689  
 For : DEVICE CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD  
 Filed : June 19, 2001  
 Examiner : SALTARELLI, Dominic D.  
 Art Unit : 2611

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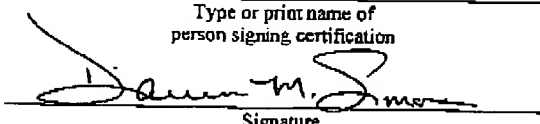
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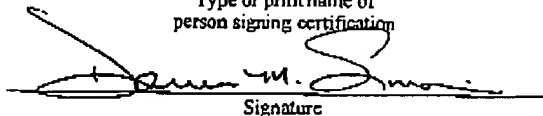
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued September 30, 2005, please  
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